



Henry County, Virginia

E-Newsletter from the official website of Henry County, VA

Henry County Monthly Newsletter

June 2008

Two PSA units recognized for excellence

Two units of the Henry County Public Service Authority recently received commendations for their superior performance.

For the second consecutive year, the PSA's Philpott Water Treatment Plant staff received Virginia's Excellence in Waterworks Performance Award bronze medal from the Virginia Department of Health. The award recognizes a waterworks' excellence in meeting the Commonwealth's requirements for water filtration. The Philpott staff is under the direction of Archie Shelton.

The PSA's well system team was given the Excellence in Waterworks Operations award from the Health Department. The criterion for the award was that the well system met all drinking water standards, treatment technique requirements, compliance orders, and monitoring and reporting requirements for 2007. The group also was cited for "excellent or innovative ideas in providing safe drinking water." The well system is under the direction of Darrell Campbell.

"We are very proud of these units and we join the Health Department in commending them for their performance," said PSA General Manager Benny Summerlin. "The PSA has tremendous employees who do great work for our customers, and to have that recognized by a state agency is terrific."

Public Safety to host CERT classes

The Henry County Department of Public Safety will begin its "Community Emergency Response Team" training June 16 with a course overview and disaster preparedness. Then, over the next nine weeks, the classes will tackle such topics as disaster medical operations, search and rescue, and disaster simulations.

These classes will be held at the Emergency Training Center on DuPont Road and will begin each night at 6 p.m. These classes are free and open to the public, and are designed to create community awareness and participation should a catastrophic event take place in Henry County.

For more information or to register for the courses, please contact Lisa Garrett with the Public Safety office at 634-4668.

Work progressing on new emergency communications system

Henry County's new emergency services radio system will greatly improve voice and data communications for law enforcement, fire and emergency medical services. Part of the infrastructure improvements includes construction and renovations at four tower sites. A new 250 ft self-supporting lattice tower is being constructed at Axton and Bassett and a 190 ft monopole is being constructed at Chestnut Knob. Additionally, significant modifications and reinforcements will occur at the Ferndale Tower in Collinsville.

An additional equipment room has been designated on the 4th floor of the Henry County Administration Building for new 9-1-1 equipment. A 10 ft tower structure will be mounted

on the top of the Administration Building to handle additional microwave and radiowave antenna. Extensive electrical, grounding and HVAC work has been completed at the administration building.

Once the towers are complete, new equipment shelters at each site will house all of the electronic and radio components. The shelters are made of reinforced concrete at a facility in Duffield, VA. They are then shipped to the site ready to place in service. Each site will have backup generators and extensive lightning protection. Each site will be connected to at least two other sites by way of microwave links. The redundant connections will ensure that there is no single point of failure in the system.

Henry County has discussed the idea and need for a new communications system since 1996. The three concrete pillars sticking through the ground at Axton are the first signs that this project is going to be a reality. The new system will greatly improve voice and data communications, provide significantly better coverage and quality, and ultimately improve responder safety.

Three more Convenience Center sites to be manned July 1

Three more Henry County convenience center locations will become manned sites effective July 1. These sites will be Jack Dalton, Red Oak, and Axton. They will join the Ridgeway and Blackberry sites as manned locations. The hours of operation at these sites and at the Stoney Mountain and Country Road sites will continue to be Monday through Saturday, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Henry County's seven convenience center sites are for the disposal of household trash and certain recyclables by Henry County residents only. Anyone with questions about Henry County's convenience center sites should call Mike Amos at (276) 634-2503 or (276) 340-8009.

For more information about the Henry County, Virginia., visit The Official Website of Henry County, Virginia at <http://www.henrycountyva.gov>.

To renew or sign-up for the newsletter, click [here](#). Henry county E-Newsletter from the official website of Henry County, VA. Please do not reply to this e-mail. Should you need further information, please direct your e-mail to info@henrycountyva.gov. If you do not wish to receive the eNewsletter, please click [here](#).